

In the Drawings:

Please enter substitute drawing(s) as attached herewith with proposed changes shown in red-inks. No new matter is introduced. Applicants respectfully submit that the filing of new formal drawings will be deferred until the Application is allowed by the Examiner.

Figs. 1-3 have been amended to remove the "prior art" designation, in that they depict a previously undisclosed embodiment of the present invention.

REMARKS

Claims 1-7 remain in this application. Claims 1-2 and 5 are amended.

Claims 1-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Applicant has respectfully amended Claims 1-2 and 5, to hopefully overcome the Honorable Examiner's 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, rejection. No new matter is introduced.

Claims 1-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the mistakenly designated Applicant's own "prior art" and other secondary references.

Applicant respectfully submits that Figs 1-3 are actually not prior art according to any of the definitions described in 35 U.S.C. § 102. Figs. 1-3 describe a previous embodiment of the same inventor of the present invention that was further improved and formed a base of the present invention, but it should not be considered as a prior art according to the language of 35 U.S.C. § 102. Applicant has amended the Specification and the Drawings to remedy this mistake and remove the mis-labeling of this embodiment as prior art. As a result, Applicant respectfully, the Examiner's 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) rejection no longer stands.

In light of the foregoing, it is believed that the present invention is in condition for allowance. And Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. If the Examiner has any question, he or she is invited to call or fax Applicant's counsel at the telephone numbers below.

Respectfully Submitted.

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